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# Doctorate for Siti Hasmah

**INSPIRER:** MMU honours ex-chancellor for her outstanding contributions to education

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**T**UN Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali was yesterday conferred an honorary doctorate of education by the Multimedia University (MMU), in recognition of her contributions to education.

The wife of former prime minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was MMU chancellor from 1997 until earlier this year.

During her tenure, she not only championed projects that enabled students to gain experience but also nurtured and encouraged them in her inimitable and motherly way.

"I am grateful for having been conferred this honorary doctorate. My late parents had always stressed that education was important.

"My late father once said that if he educated a son, it would mean educating an individual, but if he educated a daughter, it meant educating a whole nation," said Dr Siti Hasmah during her acceptance



(From left) Multimedia University Pro-Chancellor **Tan Sri Muhammad Radzi Mansor**, former prime minister **Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad**, his wife **Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali** and MMU Second Chancellor **Tun Zaki Azmi** after MMU's 13th convocation at the Cyberjaya campus yesterday. At right is **Ivan Lim Chen Ning**, who won the MMU President's Award 2012. Pic by Ahmad Irham Mohd Noor

speech at MMU's 13th convocation at the Cyberjaya campus.

A total of 3,815 graduates will receive their diplomas, bachelor's and postgraduate degrees at the four-day event.

Ivan Lim Chen Ning won the

MMU President's Award 2012 for his achievements in curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Dr Siti Hasmah said it was crucial that parents invested in their children's education.

"Investing in the education of

youth means investing in the country's most valuable resources in nation-building."

The convocation also saw the installation of former chief justice Tun Zaki Azmi as the university's second chancellor.